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City of Yucaipa Canvassing Program Begins February 29, 2012

<u>Yucaipa</u>: The San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control Program will conduct a door-to-door canvass of neighborhoods in the City of Yucaipa to ensure that all dogs have a current license and rabies vaccination. The seven week program will start on February 29, 2012 and end on April 14, 2012.

The goal is to increase awareness on the benefits of responsible pet ownership, educate residents regarding the benefits of pet licensure, and to ensure compliance with current Yucaipa Municipal Codes in regards to pet ownership. Yucaipa contracts with the County of San Bernardino Animal Care and Control Program to provide animal control, shelter and licensing services.

All dogs within the City of Yucaipa are required by law to be licensed and vaccinated at four (4) months of age. (California Health and Safety Code, Section 121690 and Yucaipa Municipal Code 6.08.070 and 6.08.090). A license also identifies the owner and allows them to be quickly reunited with their pet in case they ever get lost. In addition, all Pit Bull and Pit Bull type dogs are required by (Yucaipa Municipal Code 6.04.098) to be spayed or neutered.

Please be prepared by having your current pet license, vaccination records, and spay/neuter certificate available to avoid a possible citation. If you have not licensed your dog as required, you may choose to obtain a license before you receive a visit from an Animal License Officer. Dog licenses may be purchased at the following locations:

Yucaipa City Hall 34272 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa, CA 92399 Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CLOSED ALTERNATE FRIDAYS)

Yucaipa Animal Placement Society (YAPS) 11937 13th Street Yucaipa, CA 92399 Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (CLOSED SUNDAY and MONDAY)

Animal Care and Control 351 N. Mountain View, San Bernardino, CA 92415 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A dog license costs \$15.00 for an altered dog; \$9.00 for disabled persons or senior citizens (65 years and older) and \$96.00 for an unaltered dog. An additional \$15 late fee applies if the license application is determined to be late.

For more information about licensing or the canvassing program, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control Program at 1-800-472-5609 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

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